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| Hildegard Romer et al.           | ) | Group: 1731            |
| Serial No. 10/049,936            | ) |                        |
| Filed: April 29, 2002            | ) | Examiner: Mark Halpern |
| Title: SKULL POT FOR MELTING OR  | ) |                        |
| REFINING GLASS OR GLASS CERAMICS | ) |                        |

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 19, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.